

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 3, 6-7, 11-12, and 31 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-31 are pending and under consideration. Claims 23 and 24 are allowed.

Independent claim 1 recites the first slant and the second slant forming an acute angle with respect to each other. It is respectfully submitted that the left and right portions of the dispersing member 12 of Okada do not form an acute angle with respect to each other. The invention of claim 1 is advantageous as compared to Okada because the acute angle provides improved breaking of the toner.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

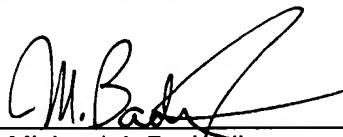
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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